

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 649

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 2779 of the Public Resources Code, relating to mining.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 649, as introduced, Nazarian. Surface mining: reclamation plans.

The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 prohibits a person, with exceptions, from conducting surface mining operations unless, among other things, a reclamation plan is submitted to and approved by the lead agency for the operation. The act requires when one surface mining operator succeeds to the interest of another in an incomplete surface mining operation by sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, exchange, or other means, the successor is bound by the approved reclamation plan and the act.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2779 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 2779. ~~Whenever~~*If* one operator succeeds to the interest of
- 4 another in ~~any incomplete~~*an incomplete* surface mining operation
- 5 by sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, exchange, or other

- 1 means, the successor shall be bound by ~~the provisions of the~~
- 2 approved reclamation plan and ~~the provisions of this chapter.~~

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